

TWO MORE GERMAN CRUISERS REPORTED CAUGHT AND SUNK BY BRITISH IN ATLANTIC

CZAR BEATS BACK GERMAN ADVANCE ON 50-MILE FRONT

Lowicz in Flames From Kaiser's Shells, But Furious Fight Near Mlawa Subsides—Lodz Victory Discounted.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10. The Kaiser's Poland army advancing on a 50-mile line from flow, near Lowicz, to Glogowo was repulsed with enormous losses, according to today's statement from the War Office.

The fury of conflict on the Mlawa-Boldau line, whence the Germans are aiming a new drive on Warsaw, has subsided.

Persistent attacks within 40 miles of Warsaw are admitted by the War Office.

Night attacks by the Germans in the battle now going on in the region about Lowicz, Poland, have been repulsed by the Russians.

The Russian military experts assert that the evacuation of Lodz by the Russian troops, which was announced last night, will be of no benefit to the Germans, because they will be unable to break the Russian lines east of Lodz.

The campaign against Cracow has not yet reached a successful termination. Fighting is going on in Galicia south of Cracow, with the opposing forces alternately taking the offensive.

ALLIED FORCES SEIZE RAILWAY

Continued from Page One cessation of Russian advance in these regions.

Turkish forces, under Subhi Bey, ex-Governor of Basra, surrendered to the British after three days' fighting in the Tigris Valley.

The German cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden, which escaped when the three warships were sunk by the British off Falkland Islands, are reported to have been caught and sunk.

Admiral von Spee, German commander, is believed to have gone down with his ship.

The Kaiser suffered a severe coughing attack. His condition is believed serious.

GERMANS SEIZE STRATEGIC TOWN NORTH OF VISTULA

Taking of Przasnysz Marks Advance in New Move on Warsaw.

BERLIN, Dec. 10. A German victory at Przasnysz, a town of Poland north of the Vistula River, resulting in the capture of that place and 600 prisoners, was announced here today.

The town was taken only after hot fighting to stop the German advance.

This victory is highly significant, as it marks a decided German advance in the new drive on Warsaw from the north, reported earlier this week.

The capture of Lodz is regarded here as the turning point in the Polish campaign.

While the General Staff's brief announcement of the retreat of the Russians probably only refers to the region adjacent to Lodz, it is regarded as highly probable that the capture of the city will compel the Russians to withdraw to more easterly and southerly parts of Poland, because their connections with Warsaw are endangered.

Even before the fall of Lodz, German military men noted that Russian efforts to break the German lines had been abandoned.

Highly pessimistic feelings in Petrograd, reported here by way of Scandinavian countries, have given encouragement to the view that the Russian power of offensive operations will virtually cease during the winter.

Austrians continue to advance southward from Belgrade, but the Servians have been reinforced and are making strong attacks on the Austrian army spreading from the West.

KING PRAISES ADMIRAL FOR VICTORY OVER GERMANS

Sir John French Also Congratulates Sturdee.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—King George today sent a message of congratulation to Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee and the men of his fleet for their victory over the German ships and the sinking of the armoured cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the Falkland Islands.

WAR TREND FINDS GERMAN RESOURCES HEAVILY TAXED

Diversion of Troops From Belgian to Poland Front Indicates to Expert That Even Kaiser's Preparedness Has Limits.

By J. W. T. MASON NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Official confirmation is now forthcoming of the intimation that the Germans have withdrawn troops from the western front for operations against Russia.

Petrograd estimates six army corps and five cavalry divisions, about 300,000 men, have been added to the German strength in Poland within the last fortnight.

Part of this force is declared to have come from France and Belgium, but Petrograd does not attach much weight to this.

The gains the Allies are now making in Flanders and northern France, following the long weeks of slow re-advance with military training spots from considerable change in German strength.

Of 300,000 reinforcements sent to Von Hindenburg, probably one-half, and possibly more, have been withdrawn from the west.

Whether the seasoned veterans can be returned to Belgium and France is a crucial matter for Germany. That Germany has had to divert troops from one frontier for work on the other means beyond any doubt the limit of supply of munitions has been reached.

The official French estimates of Germany's present battle line strength, coupled with German census figures, show there are probably a million men in Germany, but the untrained civilian population who have not been sent to the front.

When the announcement of the victory was accompanied by an injunction to newspapers to forego discussion of the possible formation of the British squadron, since "other combinations may be effected."

NINE SHIPS IN PURSUIT. There are believed to have been nine warships in the British fleet under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, which defeated the German fleet under Admiral Graf von Spee in the South Atlantic off Falkland Islands on Tuesday, with the loss of nearly 2000 lives.

The battleship Canopus, which arrived too late to take part in the engagement off Chili on November 1, when two English cruisers were sunk, is believed to have played a part in the sinking of the German armored cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig.

The Canopus, however, is a relatively slow ship, her best recent speed being but 15 knots, while of the German squadron the Gneisenau had a speed of 24 knots; the Scharnhorst, 21 knots; the Leipzig, 23 knots, and the Dresden and Nurnberg, which escaped, about 25 knots each.

SISTER SHIPS ENGAGED. Although the Admiralty has remained silent on the composition of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee's fleet, it is understood that among the other ships engaged against the Germans were the cruisers Shannon, Minotaur and Defence.

These three are sister ships of 14,000 tons displacement, but they are rated at from 21.5 to 23 knots. Unless the German ships are so fast, as a result of long service in tropical waters, their speed has been greatly reduced, these Britishers have been some difficulty in overhauling the Dresden and Nurnberg.

The British, however, probably have still faster cruisers in the South Atlantic. It is not unlikely that one of these is the invincible, rated at 24 knots, and with a displacement of 17,250 tons, which was reported to have left her home base some time ago.

GERMAN MERCHANTMEN SUNK. The Buenos Aires dispatch adds: "A wireless message to the Ministry of Marine from the commander of the Argentine war transport Piedra Buena says that three German merchantmen were sunk by either British or Japanese men-of-war off the coast of Terra Del Fuego, at the southern extremity of South America, on Sunday. There were five armored ships and a transport in the fleet. One of the German ships suffered severe damage from German shells and the casualties in the English fleet were light."

Naval experts say that the victory is another tribute to the master seamanship of the British navigators, the pluck of the officers and sailors and the accuracy of the gunnery.

In addition to the Dresden and the Nurnberg only two German warships are now unaccounted for in those waters—the Karlsruhe and the Strassburg—although strong rumors have reached London that the Von der Tann also is in the South Atlantic. Also there may be one or two armored merchantmen which the Allies have not rounded up.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT FROM SERBIAN POSITIONS. High Reports Panic Among Invaders, Who Lose Heavily.

VIENNA, Dec. 10. The Austrians along the invaded Serbia are retreating in disorder, according to an official statement from Serbian headquarters. It adds: "On Saturday alone, when the Austrians retreated precipitately from the whole front, they lost 4000 prisoners, many machine guns and vast quantities of supplies. The Austrian resistance is almost completely broken."

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AFTER THE WAR. From London Punch.

GERMANS HAVE LOST TWENTY-EIGHT BATTLESHIPS SINCE THE WAR BEGAN

The decisive defeat of the German naval forces under Admiral von Spee leaves the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans practically free to the commerce of the Allies.

With the sinking of the Karlsruhe and the Nurnberg, which "made off, but are being pursued," cannot long escape capture or destruction, with the powerful fleets of the Allies.

Then the Germans will be left without a war vessel in any water excepting the Baltic and their two Turkish cruisers in the Black Sea.

With the sinking of the Karlsruhe, the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, Germany has lost 28 warships of various classes since the war began.

Table listing German ships lost, including names like Panther, Unnamed, Koenig Luis, Augsburg, Magdeburg, V-137, Ariadne, Koenig, Mainz, N-87, Heia, S-124, Four unnamed, S-90, Koenigsberg, Yorck, Geler, Emden, U-15, Bertha, S-124, Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig.

GERMANS PRESS FIGHT FOR RAILROAD TO WARSAW

Check Russian Reinforcements in Action Near Czenstochowa.

BERLIN, Dec. 10. While the German forces northward toward the Vistula are continuing their advance along the How-Lowicz-Lodz line, great interest is manifested here today in the development of the fighting in the Piotrkow region.

Members of the staff of General Galleni, the Military Governor of Paris, predict that the pressure of the Allies at both ends of the line will cause a withdrawal of the German troops lying between the Oise and Aisne Rivers.

The French Government feels secure. President Poincare and Premier Viviani, who returned yesterday, assumed their ordinary routine of Government duties today.

the south have been checked in an attempt to reinforce the Russians in this section, and the possession of this line by the Germans can only be followed by a retreat of the Russians.

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STURDEE'S VICTORY FREES BRITAIN FROM FEAR OF SEA ROVERS

Prestige of English Naval Power Restored by Result of Battle in South Atlantic, Says Expert.

By A NAVAL EXPERT NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—With the destruction of the armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and of the light cruiser Leipzig off the Falkland Islands ends the career of the main body of rovers that have given a new meaning to commerce destroying and compelled the influence of the world to readjust their theories in regard to this important though secondary operation of war.

The performances of the British have revealed the laws of war on the financial side, but greatest of all in its moral aspect—that such efforts have on an enemy. It shows besides the errors into which the laws of war on land. Even veteran seamen have been misled by this altruism of peace, forgetting that a blow to the finances of a country and to its lines of communication is an offensive weapon of high value.

As an American author has wisely said, property belonging to private individuals but embarked on the process of transportation and exchange is like money in circulation. It is the life blood of national prosperity on which war depends and as such is national in its employment.

To stop such circulation is to stop national prosperity, on which war depends for its energy, and is a measure as truly military as is killing of men whose arms maintain war in the field.

Great Britain has come to recognize this, and now the destruction and disintegration of the largest force of commerce destroyers Germany has put afloat will be welcomed with unbounded satisfaction quite apart from the satisfaction of the amour propre engendered by a stand-up fight on the surface and in the open, where, as of old, the gallant gun has been the main weapon.

Bound in the end to be pleted up, always facing desperate conditions that demand desperate remedies, seamen the world over must unite in praising the intrepidity and skill with which the German rovers carried out the duties entrusted to them.

On the other hand, when the wide expanse of sea that had to be covered and the will of wisp conditions that had to be resolved, no less praise is the mood of the squadron which, under command of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, has added, in a good, old-fashioned gun way, new lustre to British arms.

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